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HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Minutes of the Haverhill Historical Commission (HHC) **Meeting of February 10, 2016, City Hall, Room 301**

Pending approval at next HHC meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Members Present: Edgar Movsesian, Tom Wylie, Kerry Fitzgerald, & Mark Nystedt
Absent: E. Philip Brown, Eva Rajczyk

Also in attendance: Eunice Zeigler, Haverhill Office of Community Development

There being a quorum present the meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Tom Wylie, Convener for this meeting as Phil Brown, Interim Chair, indicated earlier in the day he could not attend and agreed the meeting should go forward. Also, Mark Nystedt indicated he has been appointed to the Commission by Mayor Fiorentini, and was welcomed to the Commission

Prior to the formal agenda Tom welcomed Eunice Zeigler who has been assigned as liaison to the Commission by Andrew Herlihy, Director of the Office of Community Development. Tom noted Eunice is a fantastic contributor to the work of the Commission and has agreed to manage the HHC section of the City's Web Page as well as assist in keeping track of minutes, documents, and etc. Wonderful news!

1. **Approval of minutes** Tom Wylie gave oral summary of minutes of January 6, 2016 meeting: Following summary, with members given time to review and discuss; by agreement, the minutes were approved by all present.
2. **Update on Commission Members:** As noted Mark Nystedt was recently appointed and there was some discussion on the status of members not able to attend meetings. Tom agreed to refer this to Phil Brown and ask if he could inquire as to the status of all currently listed Commission members.
3. **Project Updates:**
Shoe Workers Plaza Display: As noted in earlier minutes the project is completed except for a space vacant for the Commission to have installed some agreed-upon language that describes the display. Tom distributed, attached, some language that Mayor Fiorentini requests be approved as he feels it more accurately reflects the important role of the City with the formation of the American labor movement. All agreed the language is fine and Tom will investigate the cost of having this last panel produced and installed. Eunice will check on the deadline for use of the remaining \$1200 in the grant designated for this purpose.



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375th Committee: Kerry reported the authors session that took place at the Barking Dog on Washington Street was a great success with some 40 people attending. She wished to recognize the fine work of Ashley and Herb Bergh who organized the event

375th Booklet: Commission was approved to have 250 additional copies printed, and this is in process. However, it was not known if this new edition will have the same copy or additional materials added. Tom inquired about request from Avis Malcuit about inclusion of information on her family's nearly 100-year involvement in the shoe industry. He will check with Phil and also be sure to have copy of her information placed in the HHC files.

Kerry again stressed need for an archivist to work on the HHC documents offered to assist in writing a grant for that purpose. Eunice said she would check with Andrew H. on the process of doing so.

Mark inquired about working on the Haverhill web site and having a link to historical houses and locations in the city. He will connect with Eunice on the process for that to happen

Basiliere Bridge: Tom reported on two phone calls with Jason in Representative Dempsey's office on the status of the bridge. The state is conducting a Preliminary Structures Report which is due to be completed this spring. He and Kerry will follow up by attending the Representative's office hour on Thursday 2/18/16 @ 8-9:00 AM here at City Hall

4. **Old Business:** It was noted that the Commission had not formally elected its chair so, with a motion by Edgar and seconded by Kerry, approved by all: Phil Brown was elected Chair of the Haverhill Historical Commission.
5. **New Business:**
 - Tom inquired about setting dates for remainder of 2016. It was agreed to keep the date as the first Wednesday of the month, except for July and August, when the HHC would not meet unless it was decided to do so for a specific purpose. Too, Eunice agreed to post a list of dates for 2016 meetings on the web site, as follows: 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1, (none July & August), 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, and 12/7/16
 - Mark distributed a "Wish List" (attached) of 6 areas he wanted to discuss for possible work of the Commission. After considerable discussion, with some items in process e.g. a Haverhill History website, Mark agreed to meet with the Mayor as several items appear to be outside of the area of work for the HHC



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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 2, at 6:00 p.m.

Tom Wylie
Interim Secretary/Clerk

cc:
Mayor James Fiorentini
Director Bill Pillsbury
City Clerk
Haverhill Historical Commission Members
Haverhill Historical Advisory Committee Members